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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING

STATE OF UTAH

County of Box Elder, }

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE THE LARGE
MINING NOTICE OF INTENTION FOR
STAR STONE QUARRIES, INC.,
COTTON THOMAS MINE BOX
ELDER COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
DECISION TO APPROVE
NO. M/003/024

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL
OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS AND PARTICULARLY ALL
PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 16, 17, 20, 21 AND 28,
TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST, SLBM, BOX ELDER COUNTY,
UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of
its tentative decision to approve Star
Stone Quarries, Inc.'s, Large Mining
Operations Notice of Intention for the
Cotton Thomas Mine. Mining activities
will affect the following area:
portions of Sections 16, 17, 20, 21
and 28, Township 14 North, Range
17 West, SLBM, Box Elder County,
Utah.

Star Stone Quarries, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand their existing small mining operation to a large mine status. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 66.32 acres of privately owned land.

During Operations:

Salvageable soil over the proposed quarry and waste dump areas will be stripped from the surface using a D8 dozer or excavator bucket and stockpiled prior to mining. A hydraulic excavator is used to extract the stone from the quarry. The stone is distributed to workers on the quarry dump and pad to process. Stone is split by hand to uniform size and stacked on pallets for shipping. Unusable material is placed on the waste dumps. Quarry cuts will be approximately ten feet deep. Equipment used includes a D-8 bulldozer, hydraulic excavator, and a D-8 bulldozer. Equipment used includes a D-8 bulldozer, hydraulic excavator, and a D-8 bulldozer.

will be final.

DATED THIS 3rd day of November,
2000.

STATE OF UTAH

CHARLES CLAYBAUGH

being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the

PUBLISHER

BOX ELDER NEWS JOURNAL, a weekly newspaper published in

Brigham City, Box Elder County, State of Utah, and that

the notice.... Notice of Tentative Decision to

Approve NO. M/003/024

of which a copy is hereto attached, was first published in

said newspaper, in its issue dated the ..8th..... day of

November..... A. D. 2000.... and was published in the

Wednesday issue of said newspaper for ...One.....

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this day

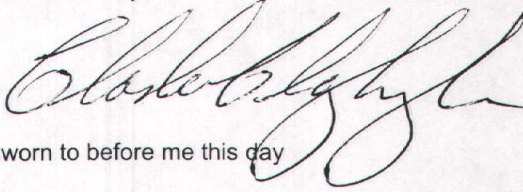
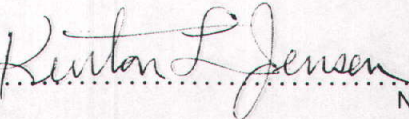
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draulic excavator, two-yard front end loader, and two dump trucks. A 2,000 gallon fuel tank is located on site. It has a secondary containment structure with 110% of the fuel tank.

After Operations:

All disturbed areas will be re-claimed excluding three road segments and the camp area which have been granted variances to remain for the postmining land use and property access. All highwalls (except at the Autumn Gold quarry) will be reduced to a slope of 45 degrees or less. Dump slopes will be graded to a slope of 2-2.5 h:lv. Pit floors will be left in a free-draining condition. Other areas and roads regraded to approximate original contours. Road segments not requiring regrading will be ripped to eliminate compaction. Quarry floors will be covered with 3 feet of subsoil material and dumps will be covered with 16 inches of fines (amended with compost to support vegetation). Two inches of topsoil will be spread over the regraded areas prior to seeding. All areas will be broadcast seeded with an approved seed mix designed to meet the intended post mining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat.

The person representing the company is Mr. Lon Thomas; Phone 262-4300. Star Stone Quarries, Inc., is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 3rd day of November, 2000.

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS
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Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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